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AN ACT to amend Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1901; as amended by Chapter 163 of the Private Acts of 1984; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of Viola regarding elections and terms of office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 163 of the Private Acts of 1984, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 4. Elections. Be it enacted, that the Warren County Election Commission shall conduct an election in the town of Viola on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year, with the first such election being held on Tuesday November 2, 2004, for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to serve as aldermen, and one (1) person to serve as mayor. All persons living in the limits of such corporation who would be qualified to vote for members of the general assembly of the state and persons owning real property in the bounds of such corporation which was assessed to them on the tax book for the county in January preceding the election,

shall be allowed to vote. The five (5) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared as aldermen, and the one (1) receiving the highest number for mayor shall be declared mayor. No person shall be eligible to the office of mayor or alderman unless such person is a citizen of, and resides in, the town of Viola, and is over twenty-one (21) years of age, and in case of death, removal, or resignation of any one (1) of the officers of such corporation, the mayor and aldermen shall have the power to fill such vacancies for the time unexpired.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Viola. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Viola and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.